



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 1631

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: A. Marschel
TADASHI OKAMOTO, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 1631
Application No.: 09/931,048)
: Filed: August 17, 2001)
: For: PROCESS FOR DETECTING)
: TARGET NUCLEIC ACID)
: (As Amended)) November 4, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for
response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004 for three months from August 4, 2004 to
November 4, 2004.

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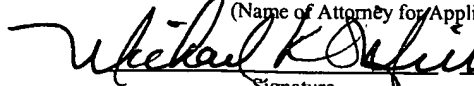
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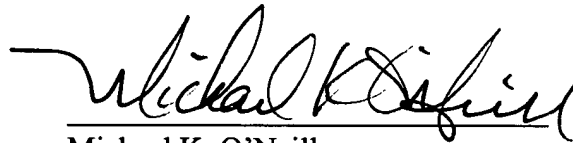
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Signature Date of Signature November 4, 2004

Submitted herewith is a check for \$980.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", written over a horizontal line.

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